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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

10 In re patent application of:

Inventors/Assignors: Lee W. Mueller  
Assignee: Simpson Strong-Tie Co., Inc.  
Title: Pre-Assembled Internal Shear Panel  
15 Attorney Docket No.: SST/1070

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
20 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the specification:

25 On page 7, line 2, following the words "two vertical" add the words  
--or side--;

On page 7, line 23, following the words "diaphragm member 110"  
add --, which forms a brace member for the apparatus 100,--;

On page 12, line 23, following the words "130a and 130b" please add  
the words --comprise an anchor point or an attachment point that--.

30 On page 14, line 33, please delete "4" and replace it with ---5---.

On page 16, line 27, after "gusset", please delete "162" and replace it  
with ---164---.

On page 17, line 1, after "gusset", please delete "162b" and replace it  
with ---164'---.

35 On page 17, line 2, after "to a", please delete "lower plate 196" and  
replace it with ---floor space member 200---.

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